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The Outcrop has the largest circulation in Kootenay.

Now that there appears to be some foundation for the oft repeated rumor that a railway will be built from Golden through this valley to Fort Steele there will be another crop of mushroom town-sites.

The outlook for North East Kootenay continues to grow brighter each day. The outside world is beginning to recognize the fact that we have mineral in paying quantities and that as a new camp this cannot be beaten by any other, not only in this province but in America.

It would be very interesting to the people of this valley if some one who knows would state who there is at the back of the Kootenay Central Railway charter that has the necessary capital to construct and operate the road. We are all very anxious to see it in operation and having assisted, by petitioning, it is only right that the people should now have their curiosity satisfied.

Not only can every kind of vegetable and grain be grown successfully in the Upper Columbia Valley, but it has been proven beyond all doubt that all kinds of shrubs, such as goose, black and red raspberries, currants, etc., etc., are a beautiful crop. Apple, pear, plum and cherry trees have also met with success wherever given careful attention. Last year several ranchers picked considerable fruit off their trees and some had a wonderful crop of apples considering that their trees were young. Consequently many others will plant trees this season and there is every reason to believe that this valley will prove an extensive fruit-producer in a few years.

In another column will be found an article in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes reply to Col. Prior. While Col. Prior is a Conservative we think that Sir Wilfrid should not make light or jest when he brings before the government subjects that are of vital importance to this province.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that because the people of this province were paying more in taxes than other people that it showed that we were wealthy. This is a very bad break for the premier of the Dominion, and is not very consoling. In fact it is somewhat disgraceful considering our present position and condition. Such an expression may sound very funny when thrown at an opposition member, but it sounds very different to those who are paying taxes.

Here we have a new province wherein every line of trade and industry is in its infancy and in the face of this fact we pay more per head than any other province in the Dominion and in return get less.

We admire Sir Wilfrid and his party, but when the interests of our province are ignored and we are made appear ridiculous and are slighted, we must surely register an objection.

Laurier and his followers should be doing everything in their power to foster the industries of B. C., for the day is not far distant when we will not only possess greater wealth than any, but will in population put some of the more ancient provinces in the shade.

In fact the Dominion Government appears, to those who possess any knowledge of our possibilities, "penny-wise and pound-foolish." For if they would adopt a more liberal policy and assist in the upbuilding of our province now, it would be but a few short years before we would be in a position to return manifold any expenditures they might make, without feeling it to be a burden.

However, Sir Wilfrid admits that the division of moneys collected for poll tax wants revision and the amount given this province increased.

Sir Wilfrid says B. C. is making money by exporting Chinaman. Josh No. 2. It is also very evident we need not expect much relief, no matter what the report of the Chinese commission is, "for Imperial reasons."

We believe that the present crisis in the mining industry could be relieved to a great extent by the Dominion Government assisting more in public works and lightening the burden of the Provincial Legislature, who can only accomplish the bare necessities by taxing more than is at all expedient.

Strange to say our member, Mr. Gallinger, is not reported as having anything to say in the matter.

About the only thing for the people of this province to do is to withdraw from the Dominion and run their own show. It is not reasonable to expect that we should continue to hand over our money when we cannot get the willing-receivers to return a fair share, nor give us such laws as will rid us of the "yellow scourge."

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**SIR WILFRID
TALKS OF B.C.****Col. Prior Urges
Our Disabilities
at Ottawa**

Col. Prior called attention to what he
considered were disabilities of British
Columbia on account of the government
not putting enough money into the
estimates for provincial needs. He said
British Columbia was so far away that
its business men could not handle or
frequently visit Ottawa to impress on the
government the requirements of the
province as was the case with the other
provinces, and therefore had to depend
to a great extent on its M. P.'s. The
most important matters were Mongolian
immigration and railway development.
He did not think that the commission
now investigating Mongolian immigra-
tion would elicit anything new, believ-
ing practically everything was already
known. He declared that British Co-
lumbia favored a prohibitive tax on
Chinese and estimated that the \$100 tax
now imposed was not large enough. One
of the Empire steamers that recently
arrived had 500 Chinese aboard, and at
least 250 of these were for British Colum-
bia. He said that as B. C. suffered most
from Mongolian immigration, the pro-
vince should get three-fourths of the
poll tax instead of one-quarter, as at
present. He also urged action to pre-
vent fraudulent registration of Japanese
as citizens, and urged more government
assistance for railways in B. C.
He said that the railways now needed
were the V. & E. R., a line from Wel-
lington to Cape Scott, a line from Ash-
croft to Cariboo district, and a line from
Kittimat to the Yukon. He urged that
B. C. should not be forgotten when the
railway subsidies were being given. He
submitted figures to show that B. C.
paid into the Dominion treasury
more than she had ever got back, while
the reverse was true of the rest of the
Dominion as evidenced by the national
debt. B. C. paid \$17,200 per head as
compared with \$4.45 in Nova Scotia.

The Mint

Hon. W. S. Fielding, who broke in as
Col. Prior was speaking, said that a
branch of the Royal mint would be
established in Canada, as he had stated
the bill was not ready yet, but it would
be in a day or so.

The Premier's Speech.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the chief
complaint Col. Prior had was that B. C.
people were paying more taxes than
other portions of the Dominion. That
showed the people were wealthy. In
regard to Mongolian immigration, it
could be seen from Col. Prior's speech
that B. C. was importing Chinese and
then expelling them and in that way
making money out of them. For im-
perial reasons, the Premier said, it
could be impossible, no matter what the
request of the commission was, to place
Japanese and Chinese in the same position.
In respect to the division of the
money collected for poll tax, he said
that it wanted revision, and the amount
given to the province increased.

Sir Wilfrid favored, speaking for him-
self, assistance to the railway from the
coast to Kootenay. The island railway
was not of the same immediate necessity.
He might say the same thing as to the
Ashcroft-Cariboo line. But to the all-
Canadian route he was glad to see Col.
Prior was now in sympathy with the
project as the Conservatives voted against
in the House and the Senate defeated.
But for that vote B. C. would now have
a road from Kittimat to Dawson.

THE HEAVY SISTER

Come in, Sister Mandy—don't stan' dar
by de d's—
De fiddle de-a galins, on de white sand' on
de fls!
De sister in de centre—she weigh two
hundred pound'.

En de pines is ter de deacon dat'll swing
dat sister round!

Don't you heah de music?
Come en jine de ring!
Ain't dis hallunda?

Swing yo' partners—swing!
Heah come Deacon Williams—he'll win
dat, he'll be heah!

But, oh, dat heavy sister done flinged
de'r Williams down!

Still she standin' lazonous—finest gal in
town!

En de pines is ter de deacon dat'll swing
dat sister round!

Don't you heah de music?
Come en jine de ring!
Ain't dis hallunda?

Swing yo' partners—swing!
Bless God, none kin swing her! What
you gwine to do?

De'r Williams—he is missin', but he'll
git dar, I be heah!

He gone ter git a dorrick for ter swing
dat sister round!

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See there where that swanlike child
that old dead girl has been.
And the sun, through flowing shadows
from it, right across my bank.

Early in the day, old fellow, they were
playing round my head.
When the shadows reach the shutter,
then, hey, I'll be lying dead.
I was thinking all the morning, just be-
fore you came in.
What those people who tell us
each man must repeat his sin.

I have done no sin I know of. What is
sin? I drink and swear.
But I never thought a woman, or to
man was also that fair.
Yet two people came this morning, knock-
ing and playing my soul to save.
And when leaving, said forgiveness
and be sought in his sister's grave.

Told me in a serious fashion what it did
no good to know.
How a woman ate an apple some few
million years ago.
Since then, White and Black and Yellow,
each and all are full of sin.
God hasn't that sort, for he knew--isn't
that a bit too thin?

I can't manage this repeating. All I
know, I've got to die.
God will see me into old fellow, what's
his Harry? want to cry?
Don't be so full of yourself, you'll
forget some day I'm poor.
And we might have our mother in that
other world; who knows?

Why will people tell a fellow that he's
got to go to hell?
They do it, know, they've never been
there; no one yet come back to tell.
But, old mate, I'll soon be wiser, tho'
broader with and rough.
Then those people who are flinging
with all sorts of beliefs and fancies.

Harry, I've just not to dance it, I can't
play; forgotten how?
I'm no, brightest of only sorry that
I've got to die just now.
I'm young, just two and twenty, much
too close, by head and hand.
Yet by this time Harry, I'll be
lying in the ground.

Oh, that ugly wallowed filly, one she
changed me on that gun.
I had very little notion she'd send me
to kingdom come.
In my song, you'd find a letter my old
mother wrote her Will.
When I'm buried write and tell her
that I'm gone a kind of ill.

Bide a while and write her fully--she'll
expect to hear it so.
That I've got to die back home, re-
member, all at length, most go.
Tell her that I still remember what she
used to tell me so.

"Don't 'fob' father," that I haven't--it
will be so, let it stay.
Make a lot of little crosses underneath
my name at last.
Kisses for the poor old mother, Harry.
I am dying fast.
Put the shutters wider open, let me see
the flowers again.
Hear the birds as how they're singing
ing, Harry, that's a sign of rain.

I don't feel a bit of sickness. I could kill
a bullock now.
Or make things slightly lively in a
far corner of my bed.
But my lack is broke, old fellow; some-
thing's wrong inside my head.
And the doctor's said by himself, I'd be
interfered with the dead.

Harry, what's gone wrong, old fellow?
I keep slipping, slipping down.
Hold my hand, how dark it's getting,
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Harry, don't forget your mother, write
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